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SENATE RESOLUTION

DECLARING APRIL 24 AS A DAY OF REMEMBRANCE IN RECOGNITION AND
COMMEMORATION OF THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE OF 1915.

1 WHEREAS, during the chaos of World War I between the years
2 1915 and 1923, approximately 1,500,000 Armenian men, women, and
3 children living within the Ottoman Empire's borders were killed
4 in a brutal genocide; and

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6 WHEREAS, hundreds of thousands of Armenians were forced to
7 flee to foreign countries after being stripped of their
8 possessions, national identities, and homeland; and

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10 WHEREAS, documented as the first instance of genocide in
11 the twentieth century, the Armenian genocide remains
12 unacknowledged by the Republic of Turkey to this day; and

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14 WHEREAS, even though over 90 years have passed since these
15 mass killings took place, present-day atrocities continue to
16 resonate throughout the world; and

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18 WHEREAS, it is every person's responsibility to recognize
19 the brutal slayings of so many innocent individuals, remember
20 their suffering, and vow to help prevent future occurrences of
21 genocide; and

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23 WHEREAS, each year, Armenians throughout the world honor
24 those who perished in the first genocide of the twentieth
25 century, and the world community should join in recognizing and
26 commemorating the Armenian genocide to ensure that this
27 inhumanity is never forgotten; and

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29 WHEREAS, with H.R. No. 192, H.D. 1, the House of
30 Representatives of the Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of
31 Hawaii declared April 24 as a day of remembrance in recognition
32 and commemoration of the Armenian genocide during the Regular
33 Session of 2009; now, therefore,

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35 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-eighth
36 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2015,

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1 that this body declares April 24 as a day of remembrance in
2 recognition and commemoration of the Armenian genocide; and
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate joins the House of
5 Representatives, Hawaii's Armenian-American community, and all
6 Armenians worldwide in recognizing and honoring those who were
7 killed and persecuted during the Armenian genocide, and urging
8 people throughout the world to never forget these horrific
9 crimes against humanity; and
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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
12 Resolution be transmitted to the Executive Director of the
13 Armenian National Committee of America Western Region.
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